

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017  
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

***Members Present:*** James Hickey, Donald Howard, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett,  
James McGahan & Kenny Mitchell

***Members Absent:***

***Others Present:*** Town Administrator, Michael McCue  
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

**7:08 p.m.** Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance. He read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

## **II NEW BUSINESS**

***Swear in Fire Fighter Michael Reimer*** – Chief Thompson reported that a building fire had occurred on July 26<sup>th</sup> while he was on vacation. He noted that the staff did a great job in his absence. The Town received a Federal grant for a forest fire truck valued at \$199,000. The Town's share is \$9,500. The vehicle was on the Capital Plan which will now be removed.

Fire Chief Jerome Thompson gave a brief history of Fire Fighter Reimer noting he is life-long resident of Hanson. Both his father and grandfather were volunteer Fire Fighters. Fire Fighter Reimer served as an intern with the Hanson Fire Department during high school. He was an EMT for a private ambulance service and later received his paramedic. He was hired last July and went to the academy in December.

Town Clerk Beth Sloan sworn in Fire Fighter Reimer who was pinned by his mother and father.

### **Old business – Taken out of order**

***Update on Rosewood Drive/Bog issue*** – Mr. McCue indicated that work has commenced at the bog and the sand is in the process of relocating the sand pile. The property owner has accepted the letter. Chairman McGahan noted that he viewed the site on Friday when one of the residents came to the Selectmen's office. Chairman McGahan indicated he would like to see tarps over the piles. Mr. McCue indicated the work will take a few weeks. Mrs. Donato indicated that the piles have been cut down. Mr. Watson reported that pile behind his house is getting smaller but is still very high. The pile is not shored up and it is a hazard.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett wants to know what the owner is going to do address the blowing and shifting sand in the immediate future. Mr. McCue will follow up with Health Agent and Town Counsel.

The only possible option for enforceability is air pollution. Mrs. Watson inquired about the encroachment on to her property with respect to the berm.

**Update on Hanover Fireworks site with Hanover Town Manager Troy Clarkson** – Mr. Clarkson and Gerard Martin from DEP to discuss the clean up at the Hanover Fireworks Site. DEP is conducting the over site of the clean up and State Police is conducting the over site of detonations. He explained the outreach to all the residents of both Hanover and Hanson via the Town Websites, social media and through the two fire departments. A mailing was sent to each home in both communities. They are working on obtaining a telephone pole in order to install a horn which will blow three times prior to detonation. The project will continue for sometime. They are planning a public meeting for both communities in September. He noted that the site is secure, but the information is not. They are trying to be good neighbors and doing their best to keep everyone informed.

The site is finally getting cleaned up and all the agencies are working well together for a common goal.

Mr. Mitchell inquired as to the long term plan. Mr. Clarkson indicated a focus committee is meeting regularly to discuss the option. There is money set aside for post clean up. They will solicit ideas from residents for the site.

Mr. Clarkson reviewed the map and noted that the trails are closed during the clean up. He noted that the detonations may continue beyond the original term of late September.

Code Red calls and texts are scheduled for one half to one hour prior to the detonations. Hanover purchased its own Code Red system for only Hanover. Hanson will receive reverse 911 calls through the Sheriff's Department.

Mass. Contingency Plan. – Release abatement plan filed. They found several explosive ordinances throughout the area. July 31<sup>st</sup> letter was sent as an immediate response action. The project became broader and more complex. Mr. Martin explained that the project will be much longer than September and the schedule will likely be changing.

Discussion regarding the range of detonations and its relation to weather conditions.

Mr. McCue thanked Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Martin for their constant contact and open lines of communications.

**Robert Hayes – Update on School Issues** – Mr. Hayes noted that school opens August 30<sup>th</sup>. Schools have been deep cleaned. Maquan roof project is finally completed. Indian Head is cleaned and issues have been resolved. Hanson Middle the entrance has changed for security reasons. The school committee has toured the buildings. The new field at the High School is near completion. No additional maintenance should be needed on the field.

Pat Dillon is heading up the transition from Maquan to Indian Head. Mr. Hayes offered tours of the schools.

Mrs. FitzGerald Kemmett noted that the name of the Maquan School Transition Committee should be changed to avoid confusion with the School committee with the same name.

Mr. McCue indicated that he inspected the boilers with Facilities Manager Ernie Sandland at Maquan. Mr. Sandland recommended the replacement of the tubes in both boilers for the immediate school year.

Mr. McCue noted that there may be a resale value to the boilers at a later date if it is determined that the building be demolished.

Rosewood Drive resident Danielle Sheehan indicated as the Town determines the reuse of the Maquan School, the playground at Maquan cannot be relocated at the Indian Head School due to its construction.

**Update from Final Plymouth County Hospital Committee** – Marianne DiMascio indicated that on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. a walk will be conducted of the property. The hospital is gone and a green field is in its place. The project came in well under budget. There are three section of land. Southern where hospital resided and middle section at the Food Pantry & community garden and a northern section of meadows and trees for open space and trails.

The Committee is looking at options for a park and recreation area. They have been seeking design firms for the project. The Conway School of Design provided a quote for \$7,000.00. Funding will be through Conservation Fund. Mr. McCue signed a contract which will commence in January for completion in June.

The south section of the property has been viewed by developers. They are considering solar field. Other funding sources include grants from the State for parks.

Discussion of Street Sweepings and catch basin material at the location. The materials have been tested and DEP has given approval to use the materials at the site. Highway would move the material.

The Committee would like to make a short presentation at Town meeting.

Ms. DiMascio reviewed the seven options currently under consideration. Municipal Park, Water Tower easement, solar array, Superintendents residents, recreational trail access, residential site, and former extension service building.

The Committee has submitted a pre-application for CPC funds. Boundaries need to be delineated, engineering services are required to determine how to protect vegetation. A request for \$50,000 has been tentatively approved by Community Preservation Committee pending Selectmen's approval. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett pointed out the pre-application is premature for the Selectmen's approval. Based on her experience, Community Preservation Committees needs more definitive details for the project.

**MOTION** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to support conceptually the committee working with Community Preservation for funding for a lay of the land assessment on the pre-employment application. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Director Eric Dresser – Update from Whitman Hanson Community Access** – Mr. Dresser indicated that he has been with the WHCA since January. He had worked in five other communities. He recognized the work of the Board of Directors and the staff following the death of former Director Steve Roy.

Mr. Dresser informed by Board that Cable Access was created using the 5% cable revenue through Comcast. They are 501 3c non-profit since 2005. The Board is required to file specifics forms with the

State. They are getting update on their audits with the 2015 audit scheduled for completion soon. A third party CPA firm does the audit. They are taking a complete inventory of all the equipment. They refreshed their website and e-mails to staff. Improvements to the studio including roof and reception area and building security have been completed. They will be expanding the community events, starting local shows and looking into archive solutions for town meetings. They are upgrading their tech truck.

The filings with the State and Attorney General office are linked from their website. Mr. Dresser invited residents to make an appointment to tour the facility and possibly get involved. Three camera units have been assembled to be used at various committee meetings.

The Board thanked Mr. Dresser, the Board of Directors and staff for all their work.

**Recreation Commission – Review & Approve Rates** – Chairman Bouzan reviewed the rates. She noted that non-wedding functions previously were not allowed to be booked more than six months in advance. The Commission voted to allow non-wedding functions could be booked ten months in advance. Brief discussion on security deposit of \$1,000 for all lodge events.

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to approve the change in booking non-wedding functions to ten months in advance. ***Voted 5 – 0***

**Discussion regarding distribution of various committee meeting minutes** – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired about receiving committee meeting minutes. Mrs. Marini explained that the website provides an option to subscribe to various committee minutes and agenda. Once subscribed the individuals will be notified when a posting has been made.

**Discussion regarding Part-Time Facilities Director** – Chairman McGahan noted that during the Wage & Personnel meeting there was a discussion regarding a Facilities Manager at Camp Kiwanee. Mr. McCue feels it makes sense to put someone in place for Recreation's immediate needs. Then at a later date to morph the position to a Townwide full time position which would address Town Hall, Library/Senior Center, Police and Fire Stations, Highway, Water, Thomas Mill and Food Pantry. General consensus by the Board to look into the position.

**Discussion with Capital Improvement Committee re: matrix** – Chairman McGahan reviewed the matrix provided by the Capital Improvement Committee noted that several million dollars are listed for Fiscal Year 2018 which is not sustainable. Mrs. Marini explained the process of the submission of plans to Capital Improvement and approval process. The by-law requirement is for 1% of the overall proposed budget. The Capital Improvement Committee includes all the request in the matrix, but only submits articles and recommended funding for projects it recommends. Mr. McCue indicated departments need to provide more realistic requests. Chairman McGahan requested that the school items be revisited.

**Requests:**

Calvary Chapel Rockland request for reduced security fee at Camp Kiwanee

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the reduced security fee to \$150.00 for Calvary Chapel of Rockland. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Resignation/Appointments:**

Election Workers – Terms to expire August 31, 2018

Ernest Amado	Nancy Gaffey	John Norton
Judy Bina	Barbara Gomez	Denis O'Connell
Joanne Blauss	Sandra Harris	Maureen O'Neil
Georgene Blight	Diane Hillstrom	Elvira Osso
Barbara Brunsell	Marie Johnson	Joseph O'Sullivan
Scott Cheney	Jill Kelly	Annette Patturelli
Deborah Clemons	Peg Kitchenham	Karen Pelton
Patricia Concree	Barbara Larsen	Marilyn Pendleton
Suzanne Davis	Kathleen Magee	Deborah Perkins
Arlene Dias	Jennifer Mann	Ann Pokaski
Marianne DiMascio	Leanne Mann	Sue Robinson
Jane Durante	Marlene McGivney	James Rodick
Linda Dymment	Stephanie McSweeney	Donna Spencer
Kathleen Ellis	Jeanne Nadeau	Patricia Strait-McGrath
Kathleen Ferrara	Paul Nadeau	Marilyn Weber
Ruth Fleming	Kimberly Newcomb	Joseph Weeks
Mary Foley	Patty Norton	Margaret Westfield

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the reappointment of election workers as printed in the agenda. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Education Committee** – Sandra Bates 1254 Main Street – Term to Expire 6/30/18

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Sandra Bates to the Education Committee term to expire 6/30/18. **Voted 5 – 0**

***Maquan School Transition Committee***

Damian Kennedy 178 Maquan Street

Caitlin Kennedy 178 Maquan Street

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Damian Kennedy and Caitlin Kennedy to the Maquan School Transition Committee. ***Voted 5 – 0***

**III TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Notice of Veteran’s Agent’s retirement on December 31<sup>st</sup> - Mr. McCue informed the Board the Mr. Arseneault will be retiring on December 31, 2017. Mr. McCue recommended the Board consider options for hiring a replacement which included a regional or district with contiguous community or hiring the Town’s own Veterans Agent.

Notification of Whitman positive West Nile Virus testing – Mr. McCue reviewed the Board of Health memo regarding the positive testing in the Town of Whitman. Additional information is available on the Town and State websites.

Mr. McCue reported that the IT conversion was completed a week ago Friday. There has been a slow down with some of the computer software programs. The current set up is slow using the current VPN equipment. He may request funding the cost to run fiber from the Police Station to the Town Hall.

Mr. McCue attended the Planning Board meeting with Attorney Kate Feodoroff regarding retail marijuana by-law at the same location with the medical marijuana in the industrial park. He noted the State still has not set the regulations which may negatively impact Hanson’s by-law.

Mr. McCue will be working with Town Counsel to set up a policy regarding the issuance of marijuana license.

**IV OLD BUSINESS**

**Prioritize Complete Streets Projects** – The Board Reviewed the revised matrix which has been prioritized by the State.

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to accept contingent upon confirmation by the Town Planner that the only change is rearrangement of order. ***Voted 4 – 0 – 1 Hickey.***

Selectmen’s Goals for the Town Administrator – The board reviewed the list. Chairman McGahan asked sidewalks be added. Ms. FitzGerald Kemmett requested the list be converted to a spreadsheet format.

**V ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES – Camp Kiwanee**

Kimberly Walsh, Taunton, Fri., Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding

Keri Young, East Bridgewater, Sat., Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Wedding

Samantha Mellett, Bridgewater, Sun., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. – Wedding

Samantha Ford, Abington, Fri., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding

Erica Brady, West Roxbury, Sat., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Bridgette Carty, Harwich, Sat., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Paula Dennis, Quincy, Sun., Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Cheryl McNeil, Winthrop, Fri., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Nicole Schepker, Hillsdale, NJ, Sat., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Cassie Guadagno, Revere, Sat., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. – Wedding

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the One Day Liquor licenses as printed.  
**Voted 5 – 0**

## **VI COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Monponsett Pond Committee*** – Mr. Howard reported that on August 6<sup>th</sup> - West Monponsett algae count was over 70,000. West Monponsett Pond is closed

***Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm.*** – Previously given

***Hanson School Repair Committee*** – Mr. Hickey – Reported everything is good.

***Highway Building Committee*** – Mr. Mitchell indicated a meeting is scheduled next week

## **VII EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. McCue indicated there will be no Executive Session this evening.**

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Administrative Professional and Dispatchers.

## **VIII ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** Mitchell, second Howard to adjourn. **Voted 5 – 0**

**9:55 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,  
*Executive Assistant*  
**Approved and Voted 5 - 0**  
**August 29, 2017**